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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

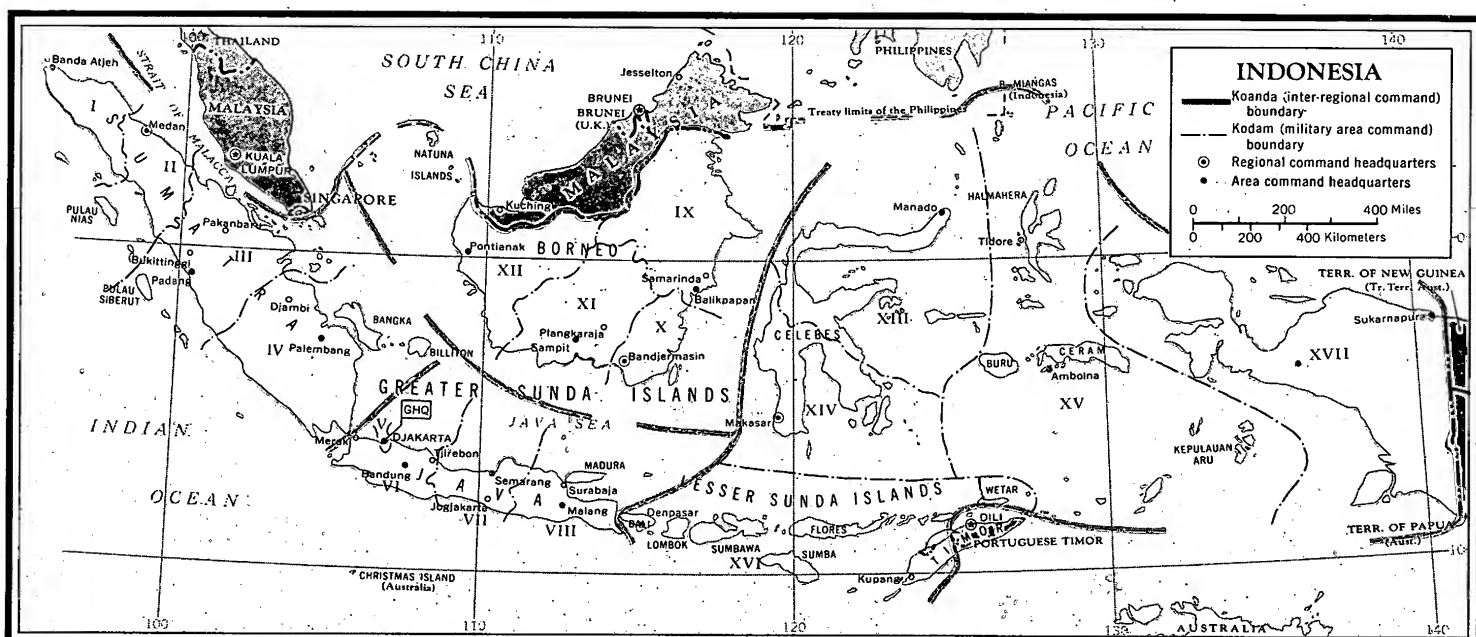


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1. Indonesia

Army leaders still have the upper hand in their contest of wills with President Sukarno.

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Army sweeps are continuing nightly in the slums of Djakarta as more Communists are rounded up and more weapons confiscated.

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Reports from Sumatra and East Borneo indicate that army activity is continuing against the Communists in these areas.

Central Java may become a trouble spot, however. Communists are reportedly fleeing to a redoubt in the rugged countryside there and may be regrouping for some kind of counteraction.

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Communists are gathering their forces in areas of North Sumatra. American citizens have been evacuated from the big rubber plantations there.

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Sukarno's vaunted "Anti-Foreign Military Bases" Conference broke up today after a rather lackluster performance. An associated public demonstration by Muslim youths dutifully protested British bases and then turned to blasting the Chinese Communists.

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2. South Vietnam

Ambassador Lodge reports that he is increasingly impressed with Premier Ky's performance. Lodge believes that if Ky can hold the premiership over a reasonable period, he may well develop into a first class political leader.

In a recent conversation with the ambassador, Ky said that his most urgent political problem over the short run is to maintain unity among the generals. While Ky hopes to broaden nonmilitary participation in the government, he believes that the military is the only element in the country capable of setting aside regional, religious, and other special interests and providing effective leadership.

3. India-Pakistan

Indian officials are again warning the US Embassy that they expect a "new wave" of Pakistani infiltrators to hit Kashmir in the near future. This, they declare, will mean an end to the ceasefire. The Indian cabinet secretary told Ambassador Bowles that a build-up is under way in Pakistan-held Kashmir. He promised additional detailed information.

The Indians have arrested 26 more members of a Kashmir self-determination movement following yesterday's demonstrations in Srinagar.

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4. Rhodesia

The British prime minister's decision to fly to Salisbury later this week does not imply any softening in the British--or the white Rhodesian--position.

While Wilson may have some faint hope of being able to prolong negotiations, he probably expects his trip mainly to dramatize that he has gone more than half way to head off a unilateral declaration of independence.

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5. Panama

The opposition has thus far failed to spark a political crisis on the canal issue.

This week's events suggest that the steam is running out of the opposition's four week campaign to convince the public that the Robles government is "selling out" the country in the negotiations. Even the volatile university students have not yet been provoked into antigovernment agitation.

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6. Dominican Republic

At latest report this afternoon the stage was set for the beginning of the crucial arms collection drive in Santo Domingo. It had already been postponed once today, presumably to allow more time to work out the complex arrangements. There have as yet been no reports of violence.

Some 200 three-man teams are to make a house-to-house search of the city. Provisional President Garcia Godoy has assured Ambassador Bunker that if this plan does not work, he will sanction the use of whatever force may be necessary.

Military leaders doubt that the plan will work, but agreed to cooperate after considerable coaxing by Ambassador Bunker. Armed forces chief Rivera Caminero doubts that many arms will be collected, but does concede that the operation should serve as a psychological victory since it would emphasize the fact that the rebel zone no longer exists.

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7. Communist China

The increasingly bitter tone employed by Peking in its accounts of developments in Indonesia suggests that the Chinese have now concluded that they have nothing to lose by attacking the Indonesian military. Although clearly intended to help Sukarno and the Indonesian Communists, the heavy-handed Chinese propaganda seems likely further to inflame the growing anti-Peking sentiment in Indonesia.

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